

Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp - Important News

A camp planning / informational meeting will be held on April 2 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. Parents and Counselors and CIT applicants are encouraged to attend to hear the latest camp news.

At this time, camp is planned for June 23-26 at Hyalite Youth Camp. There is significant need for adult assistance at camp this year as there is not a guarantee that a 4-H agent will be present. National and State Camping guidelines insist that at least four specific adult-held positions are filled, in addition to the usual request for chaperones, in order for a safe and successful camp to take place.

A Camp Director, a Nurse or EMT, an Activities Director, and a camp cook are needed. The positions may be shared responsibilities, but each must be present throughout the entirety of camp (example: a Nurse/EMT must be on the grounds at all times but not necessarily the same Nurse/ EMT). Chaperones are also needed for the camp, especially male. The additional adults are needed to ensure the safety of all youth attending the camp. Please call the Extension Office at 388-3213 as soon as possible if you or someone you know is interested.

Camping Opportunities

We have lots of camping opportunities for 4-Hers and their families this year!

Willow Creek Classic will be held in late July rather than early June due to late school releases and full schedules. The camp will still have a family & natural resources focus. Watch for more information to come!

NEW this year!!! A Multi-county camp for middle school kids only will be held June

18-20 at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures, where we had camp last year. Only 4-H members that are going into 6th, 7th or 8th grades fall of 2009 will be able to attend. 4-Hers from other southwest Montana counties will also be attending this camp. Counselors are needed for this camp but must be going into their junior or senior year fall 2009 to be eligible. A counselor application form is available on the county 4-H website and must be turned in by the deadlines to be considered. Watch future newsletters for registration materials!

Youth Trapper Camp - June 12th-14th. The Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 12-14 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship for the first 60 youth who send in their applications and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15. The campers attend classes on trapping methods, ethics regulations, fur handling, health and safety. To request an application, visit the following site: <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytic.htm>

Montana Range Days - June 15-17, Miles City, Montana: The three-day event will be packed with fun, hands-on workshops for all ages. Registration costs \$30 for individuals or \$80 per family by June 1. The web site is: <http://cartercd.org/MRD%20page%201.htm>

Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp - July 12th-17th, Missoula, Montana: This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the kids outside where learning and recreation come together, to foster understanding and instill appreciation for the natural amenities of Montana that provide resources like clean water, wood products, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat. Link to the camp website: <http://www.mnryc.org>. For more information please contact Martin Twer, MSU Extension Forestry (phone 406-243-2775 or email martin.twer@cfc.umn.edu).

Montana Youth Range Camp: Campers age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants-grasses, forbs, and shrubs-and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife and livestock in the range. Please visit the Natural Resources and Conservation website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/caradd/camps/default.asp> for more information and applications.

